

DISINFECTION

WHAT MUST BE DISINFECTED?

Any item that touches a customer must be disinfected before it can be used on another person. If it cannot be disinfected (such as emery boards, neck strips, cotton pads, etc.), it must be thrown away immediately after use. Towels, sheets, gowns, etc. must be washed before they are used on another person.

HOW TO DISINFECT:

WASH - with soap or detergent and water. If necessary, use a scrub brush to remove any foreign matter.

RINSE* - in clean water.

DRY* - with a clean cloth or towel. This is important so the disinfection solution does not get diluted.

IMMERSE - instruments in an EPA-registered disinfectant used according to manufacturer's instructions. Instruments must be totally immersed in the disinfectant.

Use a properly mixed EPA-registered disinfectant that has demonstrated bactericidal, virucidal and fungicidal activity. The disinfectant solution must be mixed and available for use at all times.

The disinfectant must be covered at all times and changed whenever visibly cloudy or dirty or at least once a week.

DRY* - with a clean cloth or towel.

STORE - all disinfected items in a clean, covered place. The container must be labeled to identify the items as clean.

*These steps are not required in the law or regulations as part of the disinfection process. However, it is recommended that licensees include these additional steps to achieve the maximum benefits of the disinfection process.

This is a quick reference to disinfection and is not a complete explanation of the laws and regulations on disinfection. Refer to the Barbering and Cosmetology Act and its Rules and Regulations on disinfection for additional information.